



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, Acting Omaha Police Chief Hays, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: A United States District Court jury deliberated for about one hour before concluding that A.J. Kelly was guilty of being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on April 21, 2008. The Honorable District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp set sentencing on November 9, 2009.

Omaha Police received information from an informant that crack cocaine could be bought from a male living at a home in the 2700 block of N. 45th Street. Police applied for a search warrant. Just prior to the execution of the warrant officers observed the defendant exit the residence and enter an occupied white mini-van. Officers placed Kelly in custody at that time. During the execution of the warrant officers located a Colt .22 caliber pistol, ammunition, and a 2007 receipt for ammunition, in the basement rafters, inside a t-shirt and 3 plastic bags. The serial number was partially defaced. Evidence tied the gun to Kelly who was a previously convicted felon.

Name of Defendant: A. J. Kelly

AKA: n/a

Age: 32

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Felon in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 2700 block of N. 45th Street

Location of Arrest: 2700 block of N. 45th Street

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 21, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: June 26, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: June 2008

Initial Appearance Date: June 26, 2009

Trial Date(s): August 13, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 9, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Sentencing November 9, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: April 21, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Laurie Smith Camp

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